

CLAIMS

1. A T-post extender having a longitudinal axis comprising:

an elongated longitudinal element with exterior in the shape of a cylinder having maximum extent in any direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of about 1/2 inch (13 mm), and able to withstand bending moments in any direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of at least 200 pound-inch (23 nt-m);

a stop element surrounding the longitudinal element, the stop element in a selected position along the longitudinal axis, the selected position being relative to the longitudinal element, the stop element having maximum extent in the longitudinal axial direction of less than about 2 inch (51 mm), and, when projected in any direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, having at substantially a first end of its extent in the longitudinal axial direction a projected profile that extends at least 1/2 inch (13 mm) in both directions measured perpendicularly from the projected longitudinal axis; and

an attachment means for fixing the stop element to the longitudinal element at the selected position.

2. The T-post extender of claim 1 wherein the longitudinal element is a length of steel rebar, the stop element is a steel flat washer, and the attachment means for attaching the stop element to the longitudinal element at the selected position is by welding the flat washer to the rebar.

3. The T-post extender of claim 2 wherein the rebar is 1/2 inch (13 mm) diameter and the steel flat washer is a 1/2 inch steel flat washer.

4. The T-post extender of claim 1 wherein the attachment means for fixing the stop element to the longitudinal element is adjustable, whereby the stop element may be fixed to the longitudinal element at any position along the longitudinal element and then reset later to another position.

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2 5. The T-post extender of claim 4 wherein the adjustable attachment means is part of
3 the stop element.

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5 6. The T-post extender of claim 5 wherein the adjustable attachment means includes a
6 thumbscrew.

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8 7. The T-post extender of claim 5 wherein the adjustable attachment means includes an
9 over-centering clamp type device that tightens a sleeve against the longitudinal element.

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11 8. The T-post extender of claim 5 wherein the adjustable attachment means includes a
12 hose clamp that tightens a sleeve against the longitudinal element.

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14 9. The T-post extender of claim 1 wherein the longitudinal element is a length of steel
15 rebar, the stop element is a piece of flat steel having cross slots cut through its face in substantially its
16 center and attached to the longitudinal element by pressing it to the desired location along the
17 longitudinal element.

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19 10. The T-post extender of claim 9 wherein the attachment of the stop element to the
20 longitudinal element includes a crimping operation.

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22 11. A high fence support comprising the T-post extender of claim 1 in combination with
23 a conventional steel T-post having substantially a T-shaped cross section and one or more wire ties,
24 the T-post extender disposed adjacent the T-post at its upper end and captured there laterally by the
25 one or more wire ties and positioned vertically relative to the T-post in its downward direction by
26 gravity and by the stop element of the T-post extender.